

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

MEIJER, INC. and MEIJER DISTRIBUTION,)
INC., on behalf of themselves and all others)
similarly situated,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

C.A. No. 05-358 KAJ

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,)
FOURNIER INDUSTRIE ET SANTÉ,)
and LABORATORIES FOURNIER S.A.,)

Defendants.)

**AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENDANT'S NON-RESIDENCE
PURSUANT TO L.R. 4.1(b)**

STATE OF DELAWARE)
NEW CASTLE COUNTY) SS.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 16th day of June, 2005, personally appeared before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, JEFFREY S. GODDESS, ESQUIRE, who being duly sworn did depose and say:

1. That he is the attorney for the plaintiff in this civil action.
2. That defendant, Abbott Laboratories, is non-resident in Delaware, being incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal place of business in Abbott Park, Illinois.

3. That he makes this Affidavit on behalf of the plaintiff and causes it to be filed pursuant to L.R. 4.1(b).

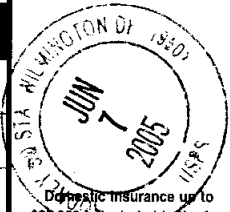
4. That on June 7, 2005, he caused a registered letter to be sent to defendant, Abbott Laboratories. Said registered letter enclosed a copy of the Summons, Complaint and the Return Of Service showing service upon the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware pursuant to 10 Del. C. §3104. A copy of the receipt obtained at the time of mailing said registered letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. That on June 13, 2005, the aforesaid registered letter was received by defendant Abbott Laboratories, as shown by the attached return receipt from the United States Postal Service. The receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit B.


JEFFREY S. GODDESS (No. 630)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me the day and year aforesaid.


NOTARY PUBLIC

Registered No.		RB 121 172 613 US		Date Stamp		
To Be Completed By Post Office	Reg. Fee	7.50		 <p>Domestic insurance up to \$25,000 is included in the fee. International Indemnity is limited. (See Reverse).</p>		
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To Be Completed By Customer (Please Print) All Entries Must Be in Ballpoint or Typed	FROM	JEFFREY S. GODDESS, ESQ.				
		PO BOX 1070				
		WILMINGTON, DE 19899-1070				
	TO	ABBOTT LABORATORIES				
		100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD				
		ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064				
		(RE: MEIJER - TRICOR)				

PS Form 3806, **Receipt for Registered Mail** Copy 1 - Customer
 May 2004 (7530-02-000-9051) (See Information on Reverse)
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EXHIBIT A

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. ■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. ■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 	<p>A. Signature <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery</p>
<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>ABBOTT LABORATORIES 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064</p>	<p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2. Article Number RB 121 172 613 US (Transfer from service label)</p>	<p>3. Service Type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.</p>
<p>PS Form 3811, February 2004</p>	<p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Domestic Return Receipt 102595-02-M-1540</p>

EXHIBIT B